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Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 11th and 15th meetings, on 24 and 28 October 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR.11 and 15).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the revised budget for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 (A/60/364);

(b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/420).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.4

4. At its 15th meeting, on 28 October, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" (A/C.5/60/L.4), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Ireland.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.4 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for an initial period of twelve months as from 4 April 2004, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 1609 (2005) of 24 June 2005,

Recalling also its resolution 58/310 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 59/16 B of 22 June 2005,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of the Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 59/296 of 22 June 2005, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire as at 30 September 2005, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 153.8 million United States dollars, representing some 22 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only twenty-seven Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Operation in full;

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[1] A/60/364.

[2] A/60/420.

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolution 59/296;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;

Revised budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire the amount of 51,276,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, in addition to the amount of 386,892,500 dollars already appropriated for the same period under the terms of its resolution 59/16 B;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Also decides*, taking into account the amount of 386,892,500 dollars previously apportioned for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 under the terms of its resolution 59/16 B, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 28,946,129 dollars for the period from 1 July 2005 to 24 January 2006, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2005 and 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

15. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be added to the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 4,064 dollars, representing the estimated decrease in staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 1 July 2005 to 24 January 2006;

16. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 22,329,871 dollars at a monthly rate of 4,273,000 dollars for the period from 25 January to 30 June 2006, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Operation;

17. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be added to the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 3,136 dollars, representing the estimated decrease in staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 25 January to 30 June 2006;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Operation, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

20. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

21. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixtieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".